

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, October 19, 2009, 4:30pm, at the Riverside Skating Center.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Karen Springer, Mary Nauman, Richard Shockley and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth, Brenda Lorenz, Cheryl Kolb, Sue Mattern and Dan Dunten represented the department. Present from the City was council member Ann Hunt. Absent from the meeting were Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:35pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting. Karen motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

- Keeping the Department's web page updated
- Redoing the Food Vendors contract for Global Fest
- Looking for a new Volunteer Coordinator for Global Fest along with a Food Booth Chairperson

**Parks** – Lee reported on the following:

- Trail Inspections were presented
- Still prepping rink for the season
- Putting in volleyball court at Cumberland Park
- Started winterizing the pool
- Installed phone line for credit card processing at the Riverside Skating Center

**Recreation Report** – Chris reported on the following:

- The final day for the volleyball program for grades 4, 5 and 6 was this past Saturday. Thirty-four children were enrolled. Hali Stout coached this program held at Happy Hollow School.
- We are accepting enrollments for the basketball program for second and third grades. The basketball program is held at Cumberland School.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- A flu clinic was held at Morton on Friday, October 2, from 9 am to noon by the Tippecanoe County Health Department.
- The opening reception for the art show by Bette Goodrich's students was held on Thursday, October 15 and was well attended.
- WALLA classes started today and will run through November 12.

**Old Business****Riverside Skating Center Repair**

Joe reported that the concrete for the vault was poured today. The work on that should be finished by the end of this month; that will allow us to get in there in the future to do testing. That is also the location for the connections for the ice mat. We have entered into a contract with Everything Ice for the ice mat this winter with an option for a trade-in for permanent repair process. We are planning on being up and ready to open the day after Thanksgiving. Cyr Plumbing will be coming in to do the final work on the plumbing. John Burley is helping us work with the Hartford Steam and Boiler Insurance division and, subject to them approving the leak problems when we do the removal of the 'u' joints during the permanent repair process, under Indiana Code and our policy, we should be covered (because this is not an underground system) for repair expenses.

**Fitness Trail**

Joe said there are two phases for the track repair at the High School, with a pre-construction meeting tomorrow afternoon with Milestone, who will be doing the milling and new asphalt on the track. The quotes for the second phase came in vastly different in amounts between polyurethane track and coated track, which is the same track at the High School complex. They are going to be re-quoting for the coated track. It is too late to do the work now; they do not usually make that installation after October 1. There will be work on redoing the fence, inside and outside, and doing dead tree removal and signing along the sidewalk segment. As soon as the asphalt work is done and the fence work is complete, it will be open for public use 24/7. Lights are planned to be added that are down lights that will light the track. The track asphalt coating will be done in the spring. There is hope that funding will be available in the future for restrooms.

**New Business****NRO Budget**

Chris asked the Board to approve the NRO Budget that was prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer. There is some concern that by the end of the year our balance will be very low. After some discussion, Mike motioned to approve the NRO Budget. Mary seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Tippecanoe County Master Gardeners Association**

Joe received a request from the Tippecanoe County Master Gardeners Association and Purdue Extension of Tippecanoe County proposing a community garden project to be expanded to the north end of Cumberland Park. Joe did discuss it at City Staff meeting, and no one had any concerns, they thought it was a good project. It will be located on the east side of the driveway to the parking lot north of the barn. Anyone can apply to have a garden plot there. Mike moved that we approve the Master Gardener request for creating community garden space at Cumberland Park. Mary seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:**

- The West Lafayette Community School Corporation hosted another community forum on Wednesday, October 14 to analyze the data of the DeBoer-Hummel's study

regarding short and long-term funding solutions for the West Lafayette School District. A third forum is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18 at 5:30 pm in the West Lafayette High School auditorium. In addition, Dr. Killion is willing to meet individually with neighborhood associations and community organizations.

- The West Lafayette Community School Corporation Strategic Plan process began in June. Ten strategies were developed and now action teams for each strategy are meeting. We welcome input from all community stakeholders. Let me know if you would like to work on one of the action teams. The teams will meet monthly for four-five months.

- Construction has begun at Happy Hollow School

### **Wabash River**

Mike reported that the Board met a couple weeks ago. Progress has proceeded on the Master Plan and the Corps of Engineer work, pieces that have to come together to get federal support for river work. Significant emphasis in the Master Plan will be how development along the river may economically benefit the community. Joe commented that a large part of it is the cost benefit analysis. If things do not "pass" the cost benefit analysis, then they are just great ideas, but there has to be verification of many of these ideas showing the true cost-benefit before federal involvement in the development process can begin. Mike commented that we as parks and recreation would get the benefits of the public investment with trails and river access, which will part of that package that stimulates the rebirth of an area and an economic investment from the private sector that has happened elsewhere.

### **Other**

#### **Debit Cards**

Chris reported that she checked into the possibility of accepting debit cards at the rink. She spoke with our Clerk-Treasurer's financial person that handles that. The unfortunate thing is that apparently there are different fees for different credit cards. You are charged a percentage fee, a transaction fee, and there is a monthly fee that allows you to take a debit card. It will cost anywhere from thirty-three cents to forty cents per transaction. Chris spoke with Sue, who was concerned about getting people through the door due to a line forming because of processing the cards. They can usually get a hundred people through the door in less than fifteen minutes. It was decided that Sue will track the number of people wanting to use a debit card this season for consideration for next season.

#### **Pay Claims**

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### **Adjourn**

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary